

IN THE CLAIMS

2. (Amended 5x) An apparatus for removing an overflow condition comprising:
means for detecting a first digitally encoded data stream portion causing said overflow condition;
means for delaying said first data stream portion for a delay time that prevents said overflow condition; and
means for accelerating a second data stream portion that follows said first data stream portion to substantially make-up for said delay time.

20. (Amended 2x) A method for correcting overflow of a digitally encoded data stream decoder during splicing of data stream portions including an old data stream portion and a new data stream portion, comprising causing a delay of a scheduled transmission time of at least a part of the new data stream data portion and an acceleration of a subsequent part of the new data stream portion to substantially make-up for said delay.

Please cancel claim 140.